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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/709,596

Applicant(s)

RIGGS ET AL.

Examiner

Alexander Markoff

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-5, 6, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The applicants amended the claims to recite the step of implanting dopant ions. This introduces new matter into the claims. The original disclosure fails to support a method wherein implanting dopant ions in selected areas is conducted subsequent to implantation dopant ions into the surface and prior to any other manufacturing process.

3. The amendment filed 6/14/06 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows:

The applicants amended the claims to recite the step of implanting dopant ions. This introduces new matter into disclosure. The original disclosure fails to support a method wherein implanting dopant ions in selected areas is conducted subsequent to implantation dopant ions into the surface and prior to any other manufacturing process.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Galie et al (Us Patent No 4,541,168).

Galie et al teach a method as claimed. The method comprises application of acetone, heating and rinsing as claimed. See entire document, especially column 3, line 45 – column 5, line 30.

6. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Saxena (US Patent NO 3,599,323).

Saxena teaches a method as claimed. The method comprises application of acetone, rinsing and heating as claimed. See entire document, especially column 1, line 66 – column 2, line 26 and claims 1 and 2.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 6/14/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicants argue that the rejection over Galie et al is not proper. The applicants allege that Galie et al do not teach cleaning with ketones subsequent to ion implantation.

This is not persuasive because in contrast to the applicant's statement, Galie et al teach application of acetone, heating and rinsing as claimed subsequent to implantation of ions. With respect to claims 1-4, 6 and 7, it is noted that the claims recite a method comprising implanting and coating with the solvent, the method is conducted subsequent to ion implantation. The claims do not exclude any steps between the steps implanting and coating. Galie et al teach such method. As to claim 9, the examiner would like to note that this claim does not even comprise the requirements of to conduct the method of cleaning comprising implanting and coating with the solvent prior to any other manufacturing step.

The applicants argue that the rejection over Saxena is not proper. The applicants allege that Saxena does not teach actively ion implanting dopant ions.

This is not persuasive. In contrast to the applicants statement Saxena teaches implanting ions by diffusion. The claims do not exclude any way of implanting ions. It is again noted that the claims recite a method comprising implanting and coating with the solvent, the method is conducted subsequent to ion implantation. The claims do not exclude any steps between the steps implanting and coating. Claim 9 does not even comprise the requirements of to conduct the method of cleaning comprising implanting and coating with the solvent prior to any other manufacturing step.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Markoff whose telephone number is 571-272-1304. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on 571-272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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